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## Campus gathers food for hungry East Texans

by Bennie Adkins  
co-editor

I remember being taught to share with classmates in elementary school. Playing games with my friends, I learned that in many cases, compromising is important to achieve my goals. While I was playing with building blocks, giving mine to a friend, I was learning to share.

Helping others has been one of the most important lessons for humans to learn since the beginning of time. From a very early age

people can learn how to get along with each other and share. Teaching young people how to share really does pay off when they grow up.

PATH (People Attempting to Help) daily demonstrates what happens when people are willing to give things up to help those who cannot help themselves.

TJC is in the middle of their annual PATH food drive. Through Nov. 22, non perishable food can be delivered to green boxes at these locations:

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## Rylander pushes Texas Next Step to fund higher ed

by Elena Hunter  
staff writer

Tough Texas Grandma Carole Keeton Rylander is determined to make her Texas Next Step Program a reality. Re-elected State Comptroller of Public Accounts last week, Rylander believes the plan will open doors for all Texas students to earn a free post high school education.

She wants to reverse dismal statistics: only 28 percent of young adults, 18 to 24, continue education after high school. At this rate, by 2030, 90 percent of Texans will have an education level of high school or less.

"Out of the top 25 fastest rising occupations, half of those require post-secondary education," Rylander said.

Texas spends \$15,000 a year to keep criminals incarcerated. Rylander hopes to transfer some of this wasted taxpayers' money to education.

"I want every Texas graduate to have an opportunity to receive two years of public college education with the state picking up the tab," she said in a press conference on campus Nov. 4. If the plan is enacted, high school graduates could apply through the Texas Next Step Program immediately after graduation and face a maximum waiting period of 16 months to gain

funds. Students accepted would have to complete two years of higher ed -- at tech schools, vocational schools or community colleges -- within three years.

Texas Next Step program will free up other scholarships for foreign exchange students and older adults returning to school.

Students who choose the community college route complete their bachelor's degrees sooner than those who start on a four-year degree, Rylander said. People who need remedial courses in English and math can complete these basics before enrolling in required classes.

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## Colleagues remember Joy Watson

### 'This was her first job and her last job . . .'

by Stephanie Smith  
staff writer

Former students, colleagues, family and friends said goodbye to Joy Marie Tilley Watson, 55, at a funeral mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Tyler and at her burial at Evergreen Memorial Park Nov. 2. Watson died Oct. 27 from pulmonary fibrosis.

Watson, behavioral sciences department chair and instructor, began working at TJC Sept. 1971 and retired earlier this year. Born in Jacksonville, she attended Tyler District College, Tyler Junior College, Texas A&M University and

University of Texas at Tyler.

English Instructor Gloria Brooks said, "This was her first job and her last job, she said this fall when she went on disability. She toughed it out as long as she could."

TJC President Dr. William Crowe said, "She touched the lives of so many students as a teacher, mentor and role model. Joy truly changed student's lives. I personally will miss her."

Watson was a member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception where she was eucharistic minister, lector and member of Catholic Daughters. She also belonged to Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, Top Ladies of Distinction and had served in TJC Faculty Senate.

Economics Instructor Rhey Nolan said, "She was a successful woman in various areas of her life, not just in her teaching. She was involved in the community, particularly in organizations that promoted path to 'success' to young people."

She is survived by her husband, Willie Don Watson of Tyler; daughters, Angela Watson of Tyler, Cecilia Kirby and Kimberly Kirby, both of Jacksonville and three grandchildren.

"I loved Joy because she was the kind of person who was always interested in my life, my kids, my doings. She was genuinely interested in the other guy. We have had many wonderful talks, and it was always like talking to a sister," Brooks said.

Memorials may be made to the Joy Tilley Watson Memorial Scholarship Fund, in care of TJC Foundation.

"Joy was a woman of great dignity and grace. I will very much miss her," Nolan said.

Friends and colleagues echoed his words.

"Joy and I became friends very shortly after both of us started teaching at TJC," Nolan recalled. "We seemed to initially connect because of our interest in civil rights issues, but our friendship went beyond this. Joy was a kind, loving person who cared about people, who enjoyed teaching students and exposing them to new ideas."

"She was a great role model for African-American students in particular. You have to remember in the late 70s and early 80s, successful African-Americans were just beginning to emerge within the 'white world' after years of segregation and overt discrimination. Her funeral was such a testimony to her life, attended by as many Anglos as African-Americans. Joy was loved by all of these people for being simply who she was...Joy."

French/Spanish Instructor Dr. Elaine Graybill said, "Joy Watson was my colleague and my friend. We shared many conversations over the years, mainly about childrearing. She built her life on a solid base of faith and family."

"One of her most endearing qualities was

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## Do you have a credit card? Why or Why not?



–Richard Lara

*"No, because I don't want the responsibility of having to pay bills and the high interest rates."*



– Adrianna Harpole

*"Yes, because it's a good way to establish credit, but I would rather not have one because it's too tempting to buy stuff."*



– Taylor Holland

*"No, because I spent too much money on a previous one, and it took forever to pay it off."*



– Shantel Jennings

*"Yes, so I can build my credit and I will have it in case of an emergency."*

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## Credit cards can cause trouble

by Amber Haddock, Bo Wickliff and  
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staff writers

So many college students today get credit cards in the mail from credit card companies. They run up large debt, creating problems that will give bad credit for the rest of their lives. Sometimes students sign up for a credit card without having any money in the bank. Credit card companies, sometimes call to urge them to get a credit card.

Freshman Sean Alexander from Houston said, "I don't have a credit card, but if I did I probably wouldn't be responsible with it. I plan on getting one when I get established more money wise and mature."

Sophomore Jeffrey Joseph from Houston said, "I really don't have a desire for a credit card right now, but maybe in the future."

Freshman Erica Dargin from Arlington said "I own a

credit card but my parents pay the bill, so I go shopping all the time. I don't have to pay so I don't worry about it."

Freshman Jennifer Sheppard from Humble, New Jersey, said "I abused the credit card so I don't have one any-

**Students find credit cards expensive option, opportunity for abuse, long-term debt.**

more."

"I stayed at the mall buying all kinds of things and I charged it to the max," she said. "I would tell anyone don't get one until you are older to control yourself."

Tyler Davis, 20, does not believe in credit cards. He is already in debt for college, "I want to be able to pay off my college debts by the time I'm

25. I don't need any more money problems from credit cards," he said.

Sync Webb, 19, has two credit cards but he uses them for emergencies only.

"I hate using them because it adds up by the end of the

month, and I have so many other bills I have to worry with," he said.

"My car broke down in Tyler. It cost \$450 and I didn't have the cash so I had to charge it. I am still paying it off."

Freshman Tiffany Higin from Jasper said, "I really haven't thought about getting one, but now that you mentioned it, I will consider it. If I did have one I would be very responsible."

Mary McLarya, Southside Bank spokeswoman from Tyler said, "The reason credit card companies market towards young adults is because the companies know that the parents will end up paying the bills off for their children."

McLarya said, "This will cause students to have debt for the rest of their lives, which will ruin their credit."

Sophomore Elizabeth Smith, from Texarkana from said, "I started getting credit cards in the mail as soon as I graduated from high school, I maxed them out and my parents had to pay them off."

Freshman Julie Muzikowski, said, "When I graduated from high school I had to get out of the house, I got an apartment and charged everything to my credit card."

Freshman David Donovan, said, "I don't get that many credit cards in the mail, and when I do, my parents throw them away."

Sophomore Katie Servos, said, "I only use my credit cards when an emergency is occurring. For example, if my car has stopped or if I see a cool dress I want."

Mirrah from Austin said, "I maxed my credit card out all the way. I was so scared to tell my parents, so I ended up waiting till the last minute. I didn't end up telling my parents. The bank called them. I was in deep, with my folks and the bank."

### Correction: Make that \$20, not \$50

The story in the Oct. 14 TJC News about an ATM machine for the campus contained an error. It should have said:

The TJC Bookstore will cash checks for students with an ID for \$20, not \$50, Bookstore Manager Chad Cottrill said.



# Students endure scrapes, sweat as they climb path to success

by Casie Moreland  
staff writer

She clung to the rock, fingernails scraping stone, looking, feeling for the next move. Her leg muscles pulsating more with each immobile second, desperately Lindsey tried to find her ticket up.

Sweating, she finds a hold, foot up, over, push, grunt. "You've got it!" she hears from down below. Suddenly, it's a breeze, over, up, she's made it. Lindsey Nelms, a music major from Whitehouse, has just conquered her first climb, her first victory. Nelms is just one of the many students who took the alternative route in kinesiology. Instead of weightlifting, she chose

rockclimbing. Next semester she plans to take the outdoor adventure class which incorporates rockclimbing, hiking, canoeing, camping and fishing.

Ringleader, Jack Caddell directs the outdoor education program. For 22 years he has taken students on trips, not only to gain hands-on experience in the course, but to get a realization of life itself. Most of the classes last eight weeks. After seven weeks learning the ropes of what is to come, the day rolls around when students are sitting on a bus with complete

*'Ringleader Jack Caddell ... for 22 years ... has taken students on trips ... to get a realization of life itself'*

strangers headed to an unknown destination, to do something they've never done before.

"It's not about just rockclimbing or going on a trip. It's about meeting people, having fun and figuring things out," Caddell said.

Shannon Stevens, a general studies major from Big

Sandy, took the outdoor adventure class last year.

"The class was awesome. I had a blast," Stevens said. During the Maymester students traveled to the Buffalo

River in the Northern Arkansas where they canoed, camped, and hiked down the river.

Clay Childress took Rockclimbing 1 in the fall. "It was more fun than I thought it would be. I will definitely think about the Rockclimbing 2 class," Childress said.

Caddell does an amazing

job with the students. Year after year students are encouraged but no longer required to take a kinesiology activity. Some choose weightlifting, others tennis, jazz, or racquetball from the many classes available.

But some students like a different approach—rockclimbing, outdoor adventure, canoeing, hiking.

It was Johan Huizinga that said "...the concept of play...is of a higher order than seriousness, for seriousness seeks to exclude play, whereas play can very well include seriousness." Outdoor education isn't about grades or the class as a whole. It's about challenging the student, pushing them to limits they never thought possible.

## Learning on a busride: 'no other worlds, only parts ...I'm not yet familiar with'

by Sara Dickerson  
staff writer

I sat in my quiet, heated little car and watched them. They came from every direction, slowly yet diligently walking. Reluctantly, I stepped out of my car and my comfort zone and joined them on the sidewalk.

I didn't want to do this, but I also didn't want a zero in the grade book. My journalism class had been instructed to ride a Tyler Transit Bus and write a story about our experiences.

When the bus arrived, everyone paid their 75 cents and got on. As one woman stepped on behind me, many friends already on the bus greeted her warmly. For 45 minutes these friends chatted about their jobs, families and life in general.

Another woman took a seat in the corner and buried herself in a Harlequin romance novel to pass the time.

The longer I rode, the more people I met. I began to realize that these bus riders were no different from me—they just saw the bus as an economical mode of transportation.

Some obviously enjoyed the ride. "It's a cheap way to get around town," Elaine

Washam, 56, who lives downtown, said.

Others did not seem to be as happy about riding the bus. "The bus is always late," Michelle Niles, 21, a McDonald's employee, said.

As one disabled man got off the bus, I heard other bus regulars tell the story of how that man rode the bus all day, every day.



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When we stopped at Hogg Middle School, two scraggly looking young girls got on, and I interviewed one of them.

"I live in a motel room," 12-year-old Victoria Kaelin discreetly said. "I don't know what street it is, but I know where to get off at everyday"

This young girl was clearly different from most kids her age. I was scared to ride the bus at 18, but for this 12-year-old, it was just a way of life.

Not everyone was as open as she. Many didn't speak English, and others stared out the window, trying to avoid me.

Soon, the bus ended its route and I spotted my car parked on the hill. I laughed at how apprehensive I had been about this venture only two hours earlier. For a moment in time, I felt as if I were in another world, and it wasn't as different from mine as I thought it would be.

As I got off the bus, I left that other world and returned to my world. I fished my car keys out of my purse and drove home. Slowly, I am beginning to realize there are no other worlds, only parts of this world that I'm not yet familiar with.

## Disney to interview for summer interns

by Brandon Hooten  
staff writer

Walt Disney World representatives will interview students for summer internships Monday, Nov. 18. Applicants must attend a presentation from 3 to 4 p.m. in the White Building Board Room and be interviewed from 4 to 6 p.m. Other interviews are planned at Texas Christian University and University of North Texas.

Interested students must complete an application on the website before the presentation. The web address is: <http://www.wdwcollegeprogram.com/students/frameset/>. The general information site is: <http://www.wdwcollegeprogram.com/students/index.html>

## 'The Little Foxes' to open Nov. 21

by Tenisha Hinley  
staff writer

"The Little Foxes," by Lillian Hellman, will open Nov. 21 for a six-day run in Jeane Browne Theatre. The play, by Lillian Hellman, depicts a greedy family who scheme to gain more wealth.

Hellman is widely known as America's greatest woman playwright, Director David Crawford said.

Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. except for Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.. All tickets cost \$5. To reserve seats call the TJC box office at 510-2212 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

## Students show art

by Brandon Hooten  
staff writer

The Art Student Showcase exhibition will be in Wise Auditorium Gallery through Dec. 6. The works of four students: Jessica Greene, Nikias Kiehle, Angela VandenTak, and Morgan Wade are on display.

The exhibit is free and open to all 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Viewers can also make appointments at other times by contacting Art Instructor Derrick White at 903-510-2233 or [dwhi@tjc.edu](mailto:dwhi@tjc.edu). More information can also be obtained in Jenkins Hall 307.



# Dorm residents enjoy chess, cookouts, manicures

by Lacey Teel  
staff writer

For the students who live in the dorm, activities range from chess tournaments and cookouts to manicure nights.

For the men in West Hall, Head Residential Assistant J.D. Stagg plans chess tournaments, movie nights and cookouts. The guys also like to hang out and play video games and dominoes, he said.

"On Saturdays, the guys get together and have NCAA game day. The activities for this dorm are for the residents

only," Stagg said.

Head Residential Assistant Jennifer Shepard of women's dorm Hudnall Hall plans game nights and movie nights.

"We have already had a manicure night. Later, the girls had a flower potting night-they came downstairs and painted flower pots," Shepard said.

Guys in Bateman Hall use their time to play in tournaments. "We have tournaments with Playstation games, football games, chess and ping-pong," Head Residential Assistant Radu Flore said. "Our activities are mostly for the

dorm residents."

The men who live in Vaughn Hall have activities planned for every night of the week. "Every Monday is football night," Head Residential Assistant Shani Kahn said.

They play foosball every week and ping-pong, pool and Playstation 2 tournaments.

"We have a point system for the Vaughn Hall residents. Whoever competes or plays receives points. At the end of the semester, the person with the most points wins a Playstation 2," Khan said.

In Lewis Hall, Head Residential Assistant Chad Freeman plans game nights, movie nights, card nights, X Box and Playstation 2 game nights.

"We get together and watch wrestling and football," Freeman said. "On the weekends, we play flag football and ultimate frisbee."

Upcoming campus-wide events include flag football, a basketball tournament, sumo-jousting night and karaoke night.

## Students call campaigning controversial

by Jennifer Shirley  
staff writer

As the Nov. 5 election neared last week, 10 students talked about voting and political campaigns. All had a strong and noisy outlooks on this nation and its leaders.

Although seven of the 10 students were registered to vote, only five planned to do so.

"I think it is good to be involved in things like that," 19-year-old Erin Taylor said. She planned to vote.

"Too much drama and controversy between runners," radiology major

Jessica Gutierrez said. "Everybody tells lies on everybody else just to win. People do not know what is true and what isn't."

Gutierrez did not intend to vote this year even though she is registered.

Many said they would vote because their opinion matters. Jeanie Gallegly put it bluntly, "I want Perry out."

Students also commented on politicians and political ads.

Physical therapy major Josh Clark said, "Politicians are dirty and only support who pays the most."

Criminal justice major Marcus

Johnson said, "My opinion is that we need good people to represent the people."

Respiratory therapy major John Teague said, "They are too concerned with large companies and lobbyist groups. They need more interaction with constituents."

Students found the political campaigns and commercials annoying.

"I'm tired of watching them," Erin Taylor said.

Rebecca Dickerson, 18, thinks they are "very important to voters."

Marcus Johnson said, "I feel that

some of the commercials are childish against one another, but the people need to know the truth."

Cameron Holley, 18, said the reason most people do not vote is the negative ads. A few said they don't vote because they are lazy.

"It takes an effort to vote and people are lazy," Josh Clark said.

The most common reason, the students said, is because people think their vote does not count.

"With political corruption in some areas, most people think their vote won't matter," Teague said.

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# Too much togetherness causes difficulties

Chester Reescano Jr. and  
Bo Wickliff  
staff writer

College, some say, is the point in life when many meet that special someone. People who have not experienced this will soon. Imagine yourself with the one you love on the same campus at the same time. Do you really think such relationship could work?

Amanda Edwards from Tyler said, "I don't see anything wrong with it, but it wouldn't be good for me. My boyfriend and I don't get along."

We argue over any little thing, but he isn't going anywhere," Edwards said.

Nia Pruitt from Tyler said, "No, I don't think they're healthy because when coming into college years, you meet a lot of new people. You grow socially, and being with one person can stunt that growth."

Debbie Medrano from Houston said, "No, they won't work because there are too many cheaters on this campus. You can't really trust anybody on this campus."

Jeffery Joseph from Houston said, "I wouldn't mind it, but I haven't found that special person yet. If I find this person on this campus, then I will have to deal with it."

"When you find that person, it doesn't matter about the other females on the scene," Joseph said. I guess you have to be mature enough about the situation and be open-minded for a relationship like that to work."

Carlos Fabian from Grand Saline said, "Yes, it could work, because ya'll are together most of the time. You

would always know what your partner is doing because ya'll would be together most of the time."

"I think it could work, unless you are dealing some kind of freak, but I would be interested," Fabian said.

*"If ya'll just met, then ya'll probably won't be together in the long run, but if ya'll been together before college, then it probably could work."*

Ke Ke Alexander from Greenville said, "No I don't think it's good because you don't get to meet different people."

"She has to be the finest girl on campus for me to be with her. If she ain't a dime, I ain't got the time and that's real," Alexander said.

Kevin Johnson from

Houston said, "It depends on the person. An on-campus relationship it is very hard because people just stay out real late at night, when their significant other is asleep. There is not the maturity level here and no trust, so no, the relationship wouldn't work."

"I had one last year and we broke up after three months," he said.

Katie Nicholson from Houston said, "They can work but it is very unusual if they do."

"I'm in a relationship with my boyfriend. We've been together for over two years. It's all about trust and putting faith that no one is cheating," Nicholson said.

Jay Mohanmadi from

Houston said, "No, too many cheaters, and nobody wants to commit to anyone. Everybody wants to look out for their own selves."

"At this age everyone cheats, especially girls, so it's not worth getting into a relationship since everyone is immature. I'm not interested in anyone at this campus," Mohanmadi said.

Kisha Gibson from Fort Worth said, "If ya'll just met, then ya'll probably won't be together in the long run, but if ya'll been together before college, then it probably could work."

Chris Canady from Jacksonville said, "It could be healthy in a way, but it could make you lose focus."

"To make it work you have to set some goals so that you can make good grades and have a good relationship at the same time," Canady said.



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## International students, faculty plan Thanksgiving

by Jennifer Shirley and Amber Allsbrooks  
staff writer

For hundreds of years Americans have celebrated what we call Thanksgiving. Every year they cook feasts for families and friends, celebrating anniversaries of the Pilgrims landing in 1620. What do international students or Americans from other nations do?

Rony Zavlodaver, 22, was born in the United States, but he is a first-generation Israeli. Zavlodaver knows well the meaning of Thanksgiving and celebrates it with a "whole bunch of Israeli families" every year. This year, as usual, he plans to fly to New York to celebrate the American holiday with his and other Israeli families.

Both from Bahrain, Shani Khan and Ali Khalil have been in the United States 14 months. Khan said he really does not understand whole meaning of Thanksgiving, but he has a good pretty good idea. They celebrated the Thanksgiving holiday last year.

"Last year a friend invited us over for Thanksgiving dinner. It was fun," Khan said.

This year Khan said they are not sure where they will be for Thanksgiving. They have been invited to share Thanksgiving with a few different people.

Hosros Komurcu, 30, from Istanbul Turkey has been in the United States for almost a year-and-a-half. He works as a student assistant in the journalism department, and as an RA in the athlete's dorm.

"Last year, my first semester, I experienced Thanksgiving and went to visit my relatives in California," Komurcu said. "I will probably stay in the dorms this year for Thanksgiving. One friend from the tennis tech program invited me to go to Amarillo," he said.

Komurcu said a woman who works in supports services invited him to dinner.

New Year's celebration in Istanbul Turkey is similar to our Thanksgiving holiday in America with the traditional eating of turkey, Komurcu said.

Instructors as well as students come from far away to TJC. History Professor Dr. Madeleine Ross, was born in Scotland and moved to the U.S. in 1987 and married an American. She became a U.S. citizen in 1993. Ross said there isn't a holiday like Thanksgiving in Britain, but she plans to celebrate the holiday with her husband at his cousin's house in Trinity.



# Belles build friendships, teamwork

by Lacey Teel  
staff writer

"If you like the Rockettes from New York, then you will enjoy the TJC Apache Belles," Apache Belle Jennifer Wagar said. The Apache Belles have been under the direction of Ruth Flynn since 1984.

"The freshman girls are a close group," Wagar said.

"Being an Apache Belle is hard because the sophomores are in charge. The freshman Belles ran one mile every Tuesday and Thursday but it was worth it!"

"At the end of practice, we have a devotional and prayer," Apache Belle Amy Blohm from Austin said.

"Many of the girls are

Belles because they want to be drill team coaches when they graduate college," Blohm said.

About one-third of the the 19 freshmen and 21 sophomores in Hudnall Hall.

"I like that I have 40 girls as friends to lean on and talk to," Apache Belle Debbie Morton from The

Colony said. "Because we live in the dorm, we can go in and out of each other's rooms and it's easier because we're closer to our friends."

The Apache Belles performed an imitation routine of the Rockettes during the Rose Coronation. Each year, the Apache Belles travel to different places.

"In 2003-2004, the Belles are planning to perform in the New Year's Parade in Paris, France. I am so excited!" Morton said.

The Belles have performed in Scotland, New York City and at Dallas Cowboys' games and Super Bowls. The Apache Belles also perform at all the home athletic games.

## Musicians return Band Concert to campus

Amber Allsbrooks  
staff writer

From the tweet of a tiny piccolo to the head of the

huge timpani, music surrounded everyone at the Fall Band Concert recently.

"This is the first time in

several years for the Fall Band Concert to be performed on TJC campus," said Director of Bands, Ronny Todd.

"TJC is the only college in the state that has a marching band and a wind ensemble in one semester," Todd said.

The Wind Ensemble, which has practiced all semester, consists of only TJC students.

"This semester we are a better band," Todd said. In the past, the band have played with the outsiders. All eight pieces Todd said, "have their own character, but they are all challenging. 'Ocean Secret' I like just because we are the first band to play it," Todd said.

Some of the song that

the Wind Ensemble performed were *All Those Endearing Young Charms*, *A Hymn for Band* and *With Heart and Voice*.

from principal euphonium player Nakenrick Johnson, *A Hymn for Band* and *With Heart and Voice*.



Photos by Amber Allsbrooks

Friday afternoon Nov. 1, three days before the big day, students practiced for the Fall Band Concert that was performed Tuesday Nov. 4.



## Second Star War's prequel hits video stores

seneca vanzandt  
staff writer

The power of the Force hits VHS and DVD this month at every local video store. This second prequel to the original "Star Wars" trilogy takes place 10 years after the first prequel. Jedi Master Obi-Wan Kenobi (Ewan McGregor) and young adult Jedi apprentice, Anakin Skywalker (Hayden Christenden) are assigned to investi-

gate assassination attempts on beautiful, young Senator Padme Amidala (Natalie Portman).

A bigger plot develops as Jedi master Count Dooku (Christopher Lee), plans to overthrow the Republic with a massive army on planet Genosis.

Jedi masters Mace Windu (Samuel L. Jackson) and Yoda (Frank Oz), lead the Jedi Order and the Re-

public into action against another threat to the galaxy.

This second chapter of the sci-fi fantasy saga is better than the darker Episode I. It has a lot of action as well as dialogue, including the Jedi's battle against Dooku's forces and a major battle against Master Yoda and Count Dooku. Anakin's struggle with his inner demons and his romance with Padme; will make a big effect on

events to come.

The DVD version features one-on-one interviews with George Lucas, area locations, and look at special effects.

Episode II will be more than enough to satisfy sci-fi fans and newcomers that are just tuning in the world of "Star Wars."

## 'Brown Sugar' debuts

by Tenisha Hinley  
staff writer

Those who like a tale of romance, will love "Brown Sugar." The movie stars Sanaa Lathan, Taye Diggs, Queen Latifah and Mos Def.

Sidney (Lathan) and Dré (Diggs) grew up together in the Bronx. Sidney returns to New York to see Dré get married, and to pursue her new career. It's not until she is in a new

relationship that she realizes she is in love with Dré and has always been.

Dré's marriage ends and he begins to pursue Sidney, but she is afraid. In the end they get together. She calls off her engagement, and on a radio interview, she and Dré confess their love for each other.

The movie continues at the Hollywood Theater at 7:35 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

## Hip-hop artists face-off

by Chester Reescano Jr. and Bo Wickliff  
staff writers

In the Hip Hop industry there is a major dispute going on. The war of words and lyrics between Nas and Jay-Z. These two rap stars are truly among rap's elite, with their smooth and heart felt story lines plus the banging beats that keeps radio stations on fire.

Recently these two entertainers

have been going at each other on and off their CDs. Jay-Z's "The Blackprint 2" will hit stores in late November and Nas's "God's Son" will be in stores in late December.

With both of these major albums coming out students talked about which CD they purchase and which artist they like best.

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## Hip Hop

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Sean Alexander from Houston said, "I really just start listening to the them recently, and I like Jay-Z because he brings the south in his flows. Nas is more of a story teller, I could listen to his songs all night, so I like them both."

Daren Henderson from Dallas said, "I can relate to what Nas is saying more than Jay-Z, but Jigga raps about money and I can't really relate to all that, but last year we was all bumping that Blueprint in 613."

Jeffrey Joseph from Houston said, "I think I will buy both of them because If Jay-Z say something about Nas then I am going to want to hear what Nas has to say back. I think they will both make a lot of money."

Demarcus Freeman from Fort Worth said, "I don't like them cats, I prefer some south rappers like Lil KeKe."

Terrel Smith from Alto said, "If I had to buy just one it would be Jay-Z cause my roommate would buy Nas. I just start listening to Nas since he made that 'Ether'."

Amber Johnson from Arlington said, "I don't like them but I think Nas is cute and Jay-Z looks like he had lip implants."

Nia Cooper from Romayor said, "I just start listening to them when I heard there little problem but Nas has some lyrics on the mic, Jay-Z just really talk about the same stuff but I will buy both CDs."

Wallace Hallum from Rusk said, "I don't listen to rap."

Erica Dargin from Huffman said, "My boyfriend is really a fan of Nas, so I'm positive we will have Nas but I will buy Jay-Z just to hear what he has to say."

Will Green from Newton said, "If I had to choose I would pick Nas. He has more of a story telling flow and I like storytellers more than I like stunners."

Jureau Whitesaid, "They both are good I'll just buy Jay-Z and steal Nas from my roommate. For real— I am not playing."



## Rylander

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"I want Texas to have the most educated workforce in the nation," Rylander said. "I would rather see \$1,700 go toward furthering our youths' educations than be wasted in jails and prisons."

"I believe education is a vital key to unlocking the doors of success," Rylander said.

Rylander hopes to convince the Texas Legislature that the state has continued in school.

A tuition break, Rylander's critics say, could be taken advantage of by those who will go to school to get the money but refuse to pursue a higher than associate's degree. Other issues concern in-district transfers and dealing with textbook companies who think they need to print new editions every semester," she said.

Rylander calls her program "Texas Next Step" because she realizes improvements can always be made, she said. She has strong bipartisan support and hopes to have the Next Step program available as an emergency plan for 2003 graduates. She is working alongside college educators like TJC President Dr. Bill Crowe to iron out problems.

For people to succeed, she said, they must take many steps to achieving their personal goals. Rylander wants open doors for anyone who wants to accept the challenge, she said.

## PATH

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Jenkins Hall Faculty Lounge  
Pirtle Tech Center 2nd and 3rd floor Faculty Lounges  
Wise Cultural Arts Lobby  
Gencov Basement Workroom  
Potter Hall Faculty Lounge  
RTDC Faculty Lounge

The food from the food drive will be delivered to PATH where it will be organized and distributed to many needy people throughout Smith county.

Speech and theatre instructor Victor Siller encouraged all students to take part in this year's drive.

"The most important way to get students to give cans is just encouraging them," Siller said.

In the past, students have been given extra credit by some of their teachers. Some teachers really believe in helping others and one of their strategies is to teach students to help.

For us to do better than last year's grand total of seven-and-a-half tons, everyone must bring more cans.

Many people don't realize how these food drives contribute to the community. Congregational Relation Director Erin Davis said PATH does more for the citizens of Smith County other than supporting them with food. "We do many different things in order to help people," Davis said. She described PATH as a program that reaches out to everyone who needs help.

PATH helps people all year long with varied programs: Brown Bag Lunches for children in city parks during the summer collecting box fans for those who do not have or cannot afford to run air conditioning and Coats for Kids a program to provide jackets and coats during cold seasons. PATH also helps fill prescriptions and delivers food to the sick and shut-in.

PATH provides emergency services for people of all ages, races and gender.

## Watson

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her way of affirming that she and I shared the same belief. She would nod her head, and in a quiet, empathetic way, say 'thank you.' That positive, affirmative attitude characterized her life. There will never be another 'thank you' quite like hers, and I will miss it."

"Last March Joy helped give my daughter, Joy, a shower and came to the wedding in June on her bright red scooter. Her disease left her unable to walk any distance at all, so she finally purchased a scooter," Brooks said.

"On my last visit to her nursing home room the Friday before she died, just before I left I said, 'I love you, Joy.' And she responded, 'I love you, too.' I will miss our sweet Joy."

Sociology Instructor Shirley Bishop said, "She always had good practical advice, would allow you to be as creative and independent as you wanted to be (within the overall college rules), and would always take time to talk with you. She was very supportive of her staff."

"She would chastise you if you were wrong, show her appreciation to you for your efforts and applaud your successes," Bishop said.

"She touched many lives, es-

pecially young people. She was constantly giving of her time and her money to help them, almost to a fault. I will dearly miss her as a friend, colleague and supervisor."

Psychology Instructor Jeanne Ivy said, "I will always be indebted to Joy Watson because she hired me and gave me the opportunity to teach students at the college level. You always remember the kindness and grace she extended to all."

"She had a radiant smile and a twinkle in her eye, even the last time I saw her, one week before she died. She chose to think positively about every situation, even her impending death," Ivey said.

"She inspired hope in her students and her faculty. No matter how difficult things were, you could count on Joy to be more concerned about you than she was for herself," she said.

"She understood the 'people part' of our business is of highest priority. I already miss terribly the laughter we shared. And she was a classy, classy lady! She had a flair for fashion, for decorating and for entertaining that was creative and just right. I know heaven is a classier place with the presence of Joy," Ivey said.

Environmental Sciences Supervisor Billie Lee said, "Joy was a friend of mine. Basically a very

quiet person, she loved her job and her co-workers. She only spoke when there was something of importance to speak about."

"The last time I tried to get Joy over for a visit with a fantastic meal, it didn't work! She was home working, trying to get a teacher in position before school started," Lee recalled.

"Her strongest qualities were her strength, her will and her courage. Nothing was too big for Joy — she could come up with solutions in a blink of an eye. Through her strength, she endured and resisted the attack of illness upon her body for many years," Lee said.

"With her will, there was nothing going to stand in the way of taking two little girls into her home, raising them as her own and paving the way for a future for them. With her courage, while lying in her sickbed near the end, most of our conversations were on the excitement of who came to visit her that day. She had conquered the battle. She truly felt loved," Lee said.

English Instructor Dr. L. Alan Barnes said, "In Old Testament times, names were highly significant. I think it is appropriate that Mrs. Watson was named Joy. She brought much joy to those with whom she was in contact."

"She was always a role

model for students, whether black, white, brown, or whatever. . . telling them to take advantage of their opportunities," Barnes said.

"She. . . never allowed black students to feel sorry for themselves because of injustices done to them or to their parents. She insisted that each person rise to challenges, not be discouraged by adversity and to ignore discouraging remarks and discouraging people," he said.

"Her own children are remarkably stable, intelligent and self-sufficient, individuals known for their character and strength," he said. "Her husband don would also sing her praises."

"Joy was never afraid to speak out on controversial issues, and she usually was on the right side . . . regardless of the cost. She was an able administrator and a remarkable teacher. TJC shall miss her greatly — I already do," Barnes said.

Journalism Department Chair Linda Zeigler said, "I shall carry with me forever our last party — in late August to celebrate Joy's birthday. Wearing a red dress, beautifully turned out as always, she confidently rode right into the Potpourri House on that red scooter, looking like a million dollars! She was a beautiful person — aptly named — Joy!"